(c) by when the four laning work is expected to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No such report has been received.

(b) and c) The work of widening of certain stretches of the Cuttack-Bhubaneshwar section of National Highway No. 5 has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 185.82 lakhs. The works are in different stages of progress and are likely to be completed by March, 1990.

Declaration of State roads as National Highways

905. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any State Road in Orissa are proposed to be declared as National Highway;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) whether the details of the proposals received from the State Government and the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) During the 7th Five Year Plan, the Government of Orissa have projected the requirement for the declaration of the Gopalpur-Khariar-Raipur Road as a National Highway. However, owing to limitation of resources under the Central Sector Roads programme and other priority considerations, it is not possible at present to include this road in the National Highway network.

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906. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या कुछ मुख्य मंत्रियों ने मांग की है कि उन्हें उनके राज्यों में रेल यात्री कर लगाने की अनुमति दी जाए और यदि हां, उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) इस मांग पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Vayudoot airlink to Guntur

907. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that air passengers to Guntur have at present to use Vijayawada airport which is at a distance of about 60 kms from Guntur, passing through narrow lanes and by-lanes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that serious inconvenience is caused to passengers intending to visit Guntur or departing from there in the absence of air service from there; and

(c) if so, whether Government provide a Vayudoot air link to Guntur in view of the considerable traffic potential?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Vijayawada being in close proximity, adequately caters to the requirement of passengers to and from Guntur. The absence of a suitable airstrip is yet another factor for which Vayudoot operations to Guntur are not possible.

Conversion of Guntur-Guntakal meter-gauge into broadgauge

908. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several representations have been made for the